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The MESSENGER

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

St. Stephen's, Milnrow & Littleborough

October 1973

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter on the day of our Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Milnrow. As I sat in Church this morning before service commenced, I was overwhelmed by all the things in our church life, for which we have to thank God.

Firstly to give thanks that we are able to gather for worship as a family of God's people, in perfect freedom, without fear, without hindrance.

To thank God for the first time to my knowledge, that our service was to be conducted by an Anglican priest, who came to us, without fuss or ceremony. The lack of red tape, reminds us of the very real way that Christ's church is growing together as one people. Then to thank God for the children who came, in a great procession, bearing gifts, infinite in variety to offer to the Father, for the benefit of His needy children. To thank God in no less measure for the teachers and department leaders who received and arranged the gifts, and to pray that they would see the gathering of the true harvest in the lives of these children and young people.

We must give thanks for all those in our church at Milnrow and Littleborough who have encouraged and inspired us, during this past year, when we have been without ordained leadership. In particular, the dedicated service of church secretaries, elders and teachers, of both churches, ensuring the continuance of the real work and mission of the church.

In October 1972 two new words emerged in church vocabulary 'Interim Moderator'; words which filled many an ex Congregational heart with doubt and misgiving. We thank God for Rev. R.A.C. West, who has dispelled all our fears, attendant on this new office. In his ministry we have found a leader, a helper and a very real friend. I know that I am

expressing the thoughts of all our members as I say, 'Whatever would we have done without him?' His work amongst us will soon be coming to an end. Our sincere thanks for his care and kindness must go on record. We hope he shares the feeling that the partnership has been a very real success.

Above all at this time we must give thanks to God, that in His love and wisdom he is sending the Rev. A. Nash B.A., to be our new pastor. The congregations of our two churches are looking forward to this ministry in happy and eager anticipation.

This particular thanksgiving must gladden our hearts. I feel that we are privileged to be able to share in this ministry. Please let none forget that the twin of privilege is responsibility. Responsibility is not at an end as we welcome the Rev. A. Nash. Nor must it be shifted onto his shoulders.

We expect great things from our new minister. Lets not forget that a minister can only be great if his congregation let him. He can only be as good as his church. Unless he has cheerful, willing support, his ministry will not be 100% effective. If we expect him to make his mark in this pastorate, we must be out in the field with him. I know Milnrow very well; Littleborough nearly as well; and I am confident that together minister and people will achieve great things for Christ's sake.

May God give us His Blessing,

Edith Gillon.

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All contributions to the November issue should be in the hands of the editor no later than 16th October please!

THE INDUCTION of the Revd. A.V.J. Nash B.A., to the Pastorate of St. Stephen's and Littleborough Reformed Churches, will take place on Wednesday, November 14th 1973.

Please note this date - Full details later.

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OBITURY

Mrs. Charlotte Reed, of 11 Hardman Street, Milnrow. Wife of Mr. Robert Reed, life deacon of St.Stephen's. Interred at Milnrow Parish Church, the Rev.T. Vause officiating.

"Into Thy Hands Dear Lord."

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Mr. Reed and all relatives and friends.

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FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

October	7th	Anniversary
	14th	"Man's Stewardship" Psalm 8
	21st	"Water for the Deserts" Psalm 65: 9-13
	28th	"Remember who gives" Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

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On the evening of September 20th, four elders from St. Stephen's attended the induction of the Revd. Brian Rawling to the Pastorate of Fleetwood United Reformed Church. During the delightful supper which followed, the usual speeches were made. Brian was obviously delighted that some members of St. Stephen's had come to support him, and proudly singled them out as he talked about his very first church.

May our thoughts and prayers be with him as he commences the joint Pastorate.

FAMILY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
at St. Stephen's
Sunday, 7th October

11.00 am. & 6.00 pm.
Revd. Glyn Jenkins B.A., B.D. (Dursley)

During Family Worship at 11.00 am., all age groups will be taking part in a demonstration entitled:
"Worshipping Together"
There will be special music by the choir at the evening service.

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Future dates in Junior Church Calendar:

October 14th: Promotion Sunday (in church)
November 27th: Junior Church Staff Meeting at 14 Heaton Street.
December 2nd: Annual Toy Service
January: Children's trip to pantomime - more about this later.

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ONE DAY THRIFT SHOP

Friday, 26th October: 2.00 - 4.00 pm.
and 7.00 pm.

Please let us have your unwanted good quality clothing, etc. (No furniture please)

A KITCHEN PRAYER

Bless my little kitchen, Lord;
I love its every nook.
Bless me as I do my work;
Wash pots and pans and cook.
May the meals that I prepare
Be seasoned from above
With Thy Blessings and Thy grace
But most of all - Thy Love.

.....from "The People's Friend"

GIFT DAY IS ON THE 20th OCTOBER
at St. Stephen's

You are heartily invited to come along to the Concert and Afternoon Tea which will begin at 3pm., when guests will be welcomed by:

Mr. & Mrs. F. Whitworth of Prestatyn
who will act as hosts on this occasion.

The entertainment will be compared by the incomparable ...

Mr. W. Holland

Music will be accorded by.....
Mr. Joe Costello, of Failsworth.
.....on the accordion.

There will be renderings by.....
Mrs. Taylor, of Rochdale

Not to mention our own....our very own.....
St. Stephen's Songsters

At the pianoforte.....
Mr. A. Clegg

Admission to these delights is by way of one Gift Envelopw for each family. If you have not received one of these by the 9th October, please mention the fact to Mr. A. Busill or Mr. A. Rae.

Tickets are now available for.....

C.W.S. (Manchester) Band
Saturday, 10th November at 7.30 pm.
to be held in
ROCH VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Adults 50p. Children & Senior Citizens 25p.

.....from Elders and Finance Committee Members

Please note that Whist Drives will now be held on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm.

SOMETHING BREWING (at Littleborough)

There was a popular song in the mid 40's which began...."I like coffee, I like tea....."

The next line seems to have been lost in the mists of time, but it might make a suitable theme tune to be sung at the event to be held on Tuesday, 23rd October at 7.30 pm. On that evening for an admission charge of 5p, the "LADIES OF THE TEA ROOM" at the Autumn Fair invite you to a "COFFEE EVENING" with a Bring and Buy Sale. The more there are drinking coffee on 23rd October, the more there will be for tea on 17th November.

(The Indian and Brazillian Embassies both deny responsibility for this phenomenon.)

BUY NOW WHILE TIME LASTS! There are only six..... only six..... six weeks to the AUTUMN FAIR on 17th November....Hurry!!!! to buy extra coupons now!

THE MEN SAY THAT .....as in previous years, goods can be reserved at Eddisons, Hare Hill Road, for purchase with coupons at our AUTUMN FAIR.

GET YOUR CARDS....See Mrs. Hill or Mr. Lightfoot now if you have not yet had a look at the Christmas Card Catalogue. All orders have to be in by the 10th October please.

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HOT AIR

In view of the difficulty in sweeping the chimney - boys of the right dimensions not presently being available - it has been decided to purchase a gas fire for the lower schoolroom. No sooner said than done, the fire has already been installed, and it is hoped that this will both double the heat and halve the work.

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CHURCH DUTIES - MILNROW

FAMILY CHURCH DOOR STEWARDS

Oct. 7th	Mr. L. Whittaker	Mrs. F. Rae
14th	Mr. A. Bruckshaw	Mrs. A. Baines
21st	Mr. G. Buckley	Mr. A. Rae
28th	Mr. H. Mellor	Mrs. F. Butterworth
Nov. 4th	Mr. D. Fursey	Mrs. J. Duffy

ELDERS ROTA
EVENING DOOR STEWARDS / ORGANIST/PIANIST EVENING WORSHIP

Oct. 7th	Mrs. E. Gillon	Mr. A. Clegg
14th	Mr. K. Hey	Mr. D. Logan
21st	Mr. R. Gillon	Mrs. C. Hey
28th	Miss M. Wood	Mr. J. Emmott
Nov. 4th	Mr. B. Clough	Mr. D. Logan

COMMUNION ROTA

Oct. 7th	Mr. A. Roberts	Mr. B. Clough
Nov. 4th	Mr. J. Emmott	Mr. R. Gillon

FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

Oct. 7th	Mrs. C. Hey	Mrs. M. Mellor
14th	Mrs. J. Cudworth	Mrs. N. Settle
21st	Mrs. K. Reid	Mrs. P. Royle
28th	Mrs. E. Busill	Miss I. Tither
Nov. 4th	Mrs. H. Buckley	Mrs. E. Smith

Persons unable to take their appointments as listed are expected to find a suitable substitute.

OFFERTORIES

	Cash			
	am.	pm.	Envelopes	Total
Aug. 5th	5.83	85	15.63	22.31
12th	3.33	1.27	12.93½	17.53½
19th	3.15	85	8.87½	12.87½
26th	3.39½	1.28	18.25½	22.93
	£15.70½	£4.25	£55.69½	£75.65

CHURCH DUTIES - LITTLEBOROUGH

DOOR STEWARDS

Oct. 7th	Mr. H.N. Hill	Mr. F. Ingham	
14th	Mr. F. Beattie	Mr. B. Hill	10.30
	Mr. J. Lord	Mr. Nairn	6.00
21st	Mr. E. Crossley	Mr. J. Holt	
28th	Mr. J. Hill	Mrs. A. Stott	
Nov. 4th	Mr. E. Holt	Mr. F. Ingham	

ELDERS COMMUNION ROTA

Oct. 14th	6.00 pm.	Mr. F. Ingham	Mr, J. Nairn
" 28th	10.30 am.	Mr. J. Lord	Mr. F.G.Simpson

COFFEE ROTA

Oct. 7th	J. Law	J. Allison
14th	J. Hobbs	W. Spinks
21st	B. Leach	J. Simpson
28th	D. Mallinson	B. Hartley
Nov. 4th	K. Hill	S. Moss

FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

Readers:	October 7th	Martin Law
	14th	Carl Mallinson
	21st	Mr. S. Moss
	28th	Mrs. Lightfoot
	November 4th	Elizabeth Leech

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The half-yearly total for C.C.W.M. amounted to £15.14

Grateful thanks to all who contributed.

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ST. STEPHEN'S DIARY

October

Tues. 2nd	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild: Mr. J. Collins
		Youth Work in Church
Sun. 7th		FAMILY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
	11.00 am.)	Revd. Glyn Jenkins B.A., B.D.
	6.00 pm.)	(Dursley)
Mon. 8th	6.30 pm.	and each Monday
Tues. 9th	7.30 pm.	Efforts Committee Meeting in School
Wed. 10th	7.30 pm.	Elders Meeting
	7.30 pm.	Whist Drive & each Wednesday
Sun. 14th	11.00 am.	Mr. J. Collinge
	6.00 pm.	Mr. S. Hazlehurst
Sat. 20th	3.00 pm.	GIFT WEEK-END
		Gift Day - Afternoon Tea - Floor Show
Sun. 21st	11.00 am.)	Thanksgiving Services
	6.00 pm.)	Revd. Glyn Eatock
Fri. 26th	2.00 - 4.00 pm.)	ONE DAY THRIFT SHOP
	7.00)	
Sun. 28th	11.00 am.	Revd. T. Vause
	6.00 pm.	"

November

Sun. 4th	11.00 am.	Mr. A. Roberts
	6.00 pm.	Mrs. E. Gillon
		(Service of Word & Sacrament)
Tues. 6th	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild: Mr. John Finch

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FLOWERS FOR THE COMMUNION TABLE

Oct. 7th	Mrs. D. Hey	Mrs. E. Scholes
14th	Mrs. M. Fallon	
21st	Mrs. E. Galvin	
28th	Mrs. Brown	
Nov. 4th	Miss A. Memory	

LITTLEBOROUGH DIARY

October

Tues. 2nd	7.30 pm.	N.W.G.B. Cookery Demo.
Wed. 3rd	7.00 pm.	Pilots
Sun. 7th	10.30 am.	Promotion Sunday: Mr. D.S.Nuttall
	6.00 pm.	St. Stephen's Anniversary: Revd. Glyn Jenkins B.A., B.D.
Tues. 9th	7.30 pm.	Mrs. D. Sutcliffe: Working with metally handicapped children - illustrated with slides.
Wed. 10th	7.00 pm.	Pilots
Sun. 14th	10.30 am.	Mr. N. Prince
	6.00 pm.	Mr. D. Jones (Communion)
Wed. 17th	7.00 pm.	Pilots
Thur.18th		Receipt of Jumble
Fri. 19th	7.00 pm.	Jumble Sale
Sun. 21st	10.30 am.	Mr. J. Lord
Tues.23rd	7.30 pm.	Tea Room Coffee Evening (Bring & Buy)
Wed. 24th	7.00 pm.	Pilots
Thur,25th	7.45 pm.	Men's Fellowship: Mr. Gillon
Sun. 28th	10.30 am.	Mr. W. Brisk (Communion)
Tues.30th	7.45 pm.	Junior Church Staff Meeting
Wed. 31st	7.00 pm.	Pilots

November

Sun. 4th	10.30 am.	Mr. J. Collinge
Tues. 6th	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild: Birthday Supper

FLOWERS FOR THE COMMUNION TABLE

Oct. 7th	Mrs. Lightfoot
14th	Mrs. Stott
21st	Mrs. Tattersall
28th	Mrs. Greenwood
Nov. 4th	Mrs. Claytom

OFFERTORIES

	Cash	Envelopes		Cash	Envelopes
Aug.12th	£3.13	£10.25	Sept.2nd	Holidays	
19th	£1.19	£ 8.75	9th	£1.54	£22.15
26th	£2.76½	£10.17½			

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